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The weather has seen some extremes with heatwaves followed by torrential rain. Changeable weather is certainly no stranger to Edinburgh and we appear to resilience by just getting on with life as nature throws it best at us. As such, our local News items this month continues to reflect a lot of outdoor activity (admittedly some of these items are now a month ago) We have football matches, a charity bike ride, beach going, golf, a proposed walking route and a suspicious item that may have been an explosive device.

On a more relevant note, I am sad to have to warn that the next issue of Duddingston magazine will be in November when the weather is almost certainly to have changed dramatically and many of you should be thinking of preparing your gardens for winter. If in doubt then why not ask our gardening experts

to help)Page 21) and while you are there you might also want to have your roof checked out by one of our roofers.

For some the change in weather may bring with it a general gloom. If you are affected by this or feel you may benefit from counselling of any kind then I am delighted to introduce Baileyfield Counsellors (Page 25) who are new advertisers and who help develop our ethos of helping community resilience.

Community resilience continues with another election on 3rd September - take a look at the News on page 7 for more info as local Councillor Tim Jones helps a budding new candidate learn the ropes.

Ben Cowdy

Editor

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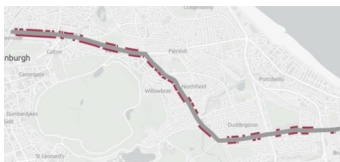
Here is a summary of some of the main articles reported by a range of media outlets and posted on our Facebook Page that relate to our local area including Duddingston, Brunstane, Portobello & Willowbrae.

Restalrig Avenue, between Loganlea Ave & Drive was closed due to a possible suspicious item but re-opened after Emergency Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) made safe the item safe. A number of properties were evacuated as a



precaution but no injuries were reported. The public is thanked for their patience. - **PoliceScotland**

I read an **Edinburgh News** article about a **trial 7-7-7 bus lanes route from Greenside to Duddingston** for 18 months



starting in October.

An Edinburgh mum found volunteering as a gardener (including **at Jock Tamson's Gairden in Duddingston**) gave strength to support her daughter through cancer treatment. Debs Reid then



decided to combine it all into a fundraising challenge, cycling a total of 392 miles between 60 different gardens across Scotland to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust. The trip started from Tarland Community Garden in Aberdeenshire and ending at Jock Tamsons Gairden. All this reported on

EdinburghLive.co.uk

Willowbrae residents were furious after their community was 'invaded' by motorists attending the Edinburgh International Cup football tournament last month reported **EdinburghLive**. **Cars could be seen parking on the grass along Meadowfield Drive** with several roads in the area impacted by motorists mounting pavements and leaving their cars to attend the tournament.



Time-Out magazine named **Porty Beach as No 4 on its list of "Best beaches** near Edinburgh" saying - The traditional seaside town draws in huge crowds on a sunny day, and it's easy to see

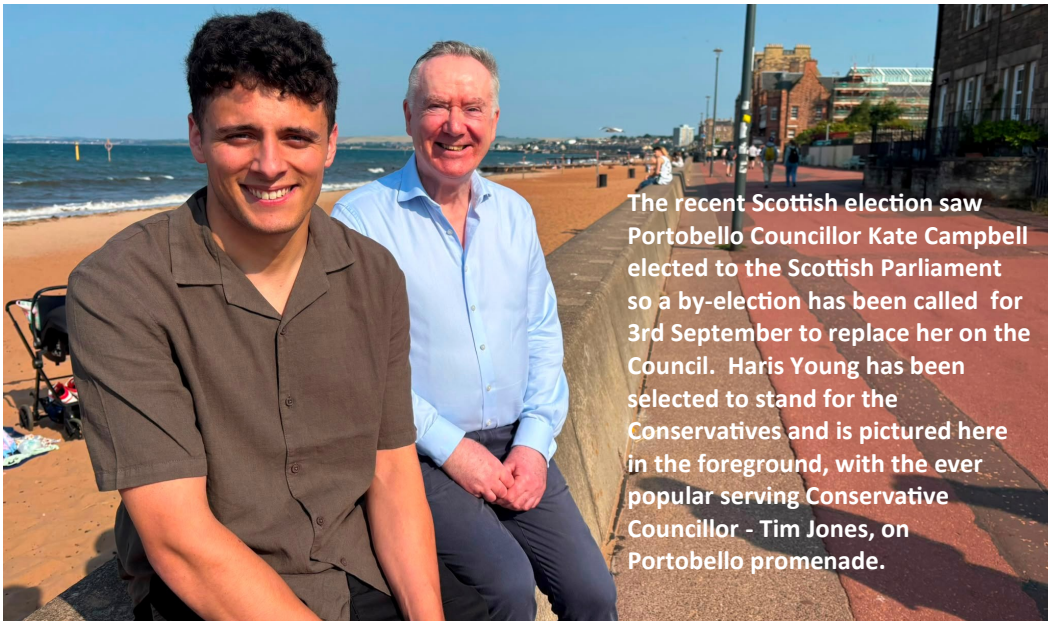


why; with over 2km of golden sands, a lengthy promenade, amusement arcades and even Turkish Baths to explore, there's definitely something to keep everyone happy if the water gets a little nippy

Duddingston Golf Club unveiled an initiative to attract more women



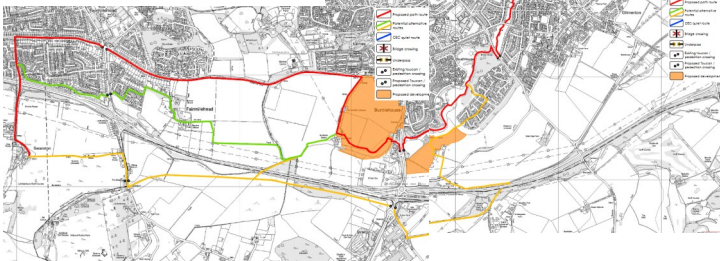
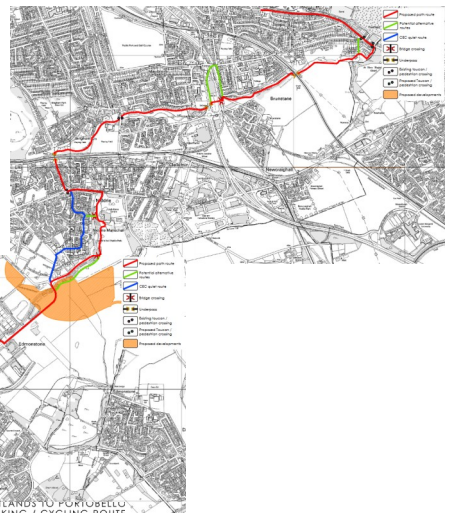
according to **The Herald Scotland**. The programme will build on an established ladies' section with assistant Professional Katie Graham and Club Captain Pauline Davie.



The recent Scottish election saw Portobello Councillor Kate Campbell elected to the Scottish Parliament so a by-election has been called for 3rd September to replace her on the Council. Haris Young has been selected to stand for the Conservatives and is pictured here in the foreground, with the ever popular serving Conservative Councillor - Tim Jones, on Portobello promenade.

A readers' letter to **Edinburgh News** highlighted a proposal to create a "**Pentlands to Porty**" pathway through Fairmilehead, Burdiehouse, Moredun, Gilmerton, Niddrie and Craigmillar and all the way to Joppa where it could meet the Portobello coastal cycleway and link up to the city's entire waterfront.

(Maps from Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust)



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Edited Minutes from the July meeting:

Police Report: reports of youth Anti-Social Behaviour in Treverlen, Figgate Park & surrounds. 6 youths charged with 2 E-Scooters & 2 bike seized. Reports of drug dealing. Uptake in housebreaking, vehicle & bike theft.

Planning update: 5 applications of interest. Objected to 3 Short Term Lets. Response to proposed hotel development at Northfield Drive/Willowbrae Road. An application for a 2-story mixed use development was submitted for the adjacent site. The development at Jock's Lodge is slow and no progress on the site at St Margaret's.

Local Place Plan: Responses from Porty Action, MCAN and the Duddingston

Conservation Society.

Community & Environment Fair 2026: Grant application to be made & on track with steady bookings from stall holders.

Any other business: Grant applications with CEC Small Community Grants Scheme for mobile Local Heritage display boards, Baronscourt Park Memorial Bench with plaque in memory of Dave Armstrong, and Royal High Primary's nursery garden activities. 2 applications related to street tree replacements on perimeter of Royal High Playing fields and at Piershill Squares.

Public Forum: How many comments for the hotel development were from local people.



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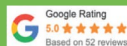


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Explore or wander the paths , test the

benches, enjoy the different views, notice the varieties of flowers and grasses, find and walk the labyrinth. Families (including dogs!) are welcome but keep your dog leashed near the hens.

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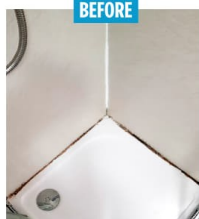
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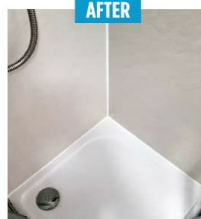
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Total: 74 days

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Term 2 (56 days): Jan, Feb & Mar
Term 3 (48 days): April, May & June

Total: 190



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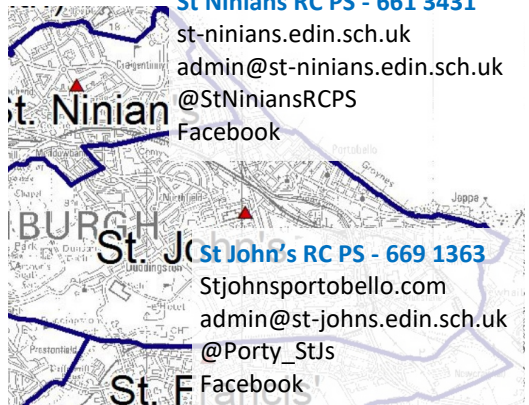
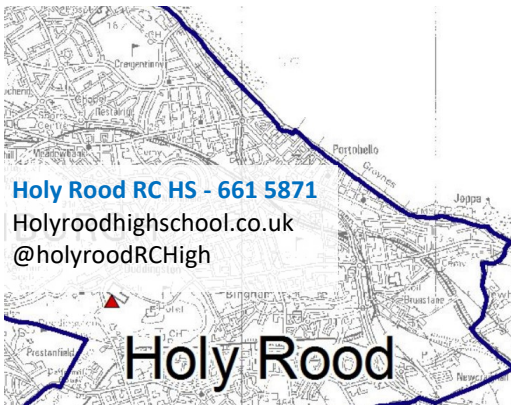
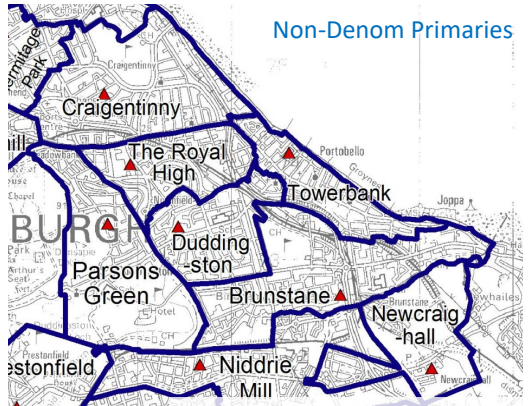
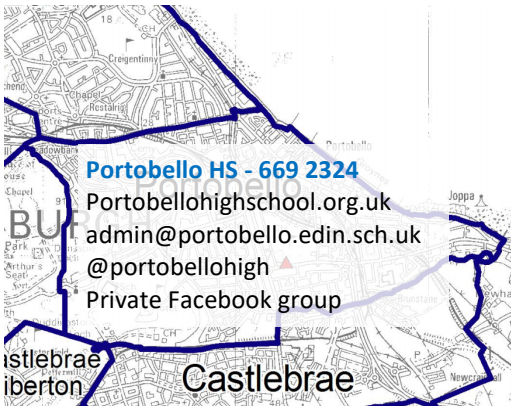
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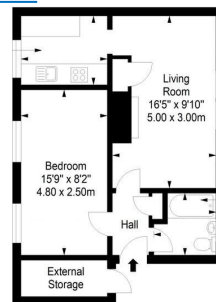
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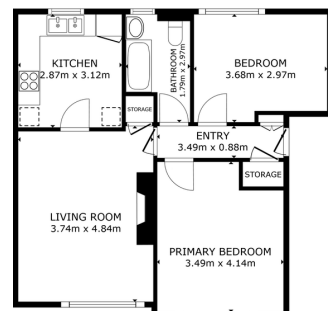
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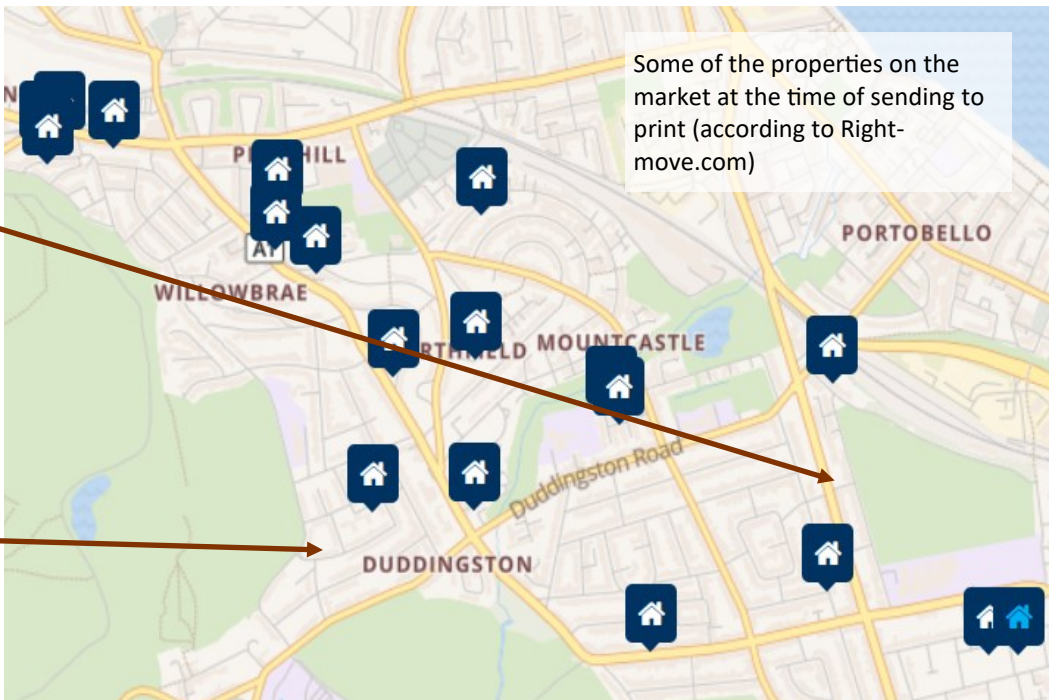
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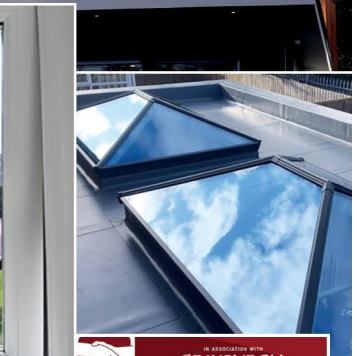
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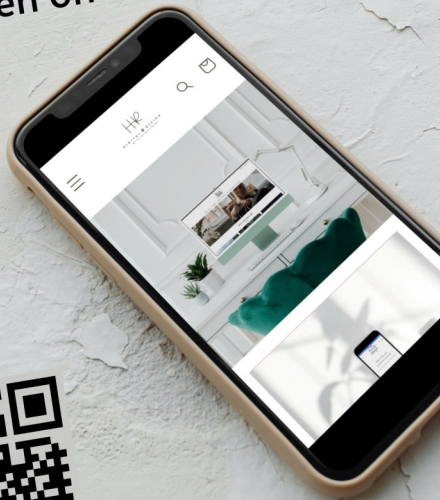


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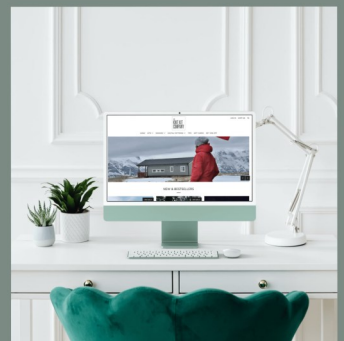
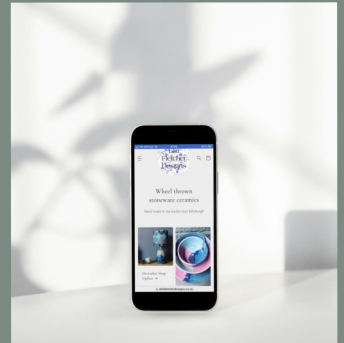
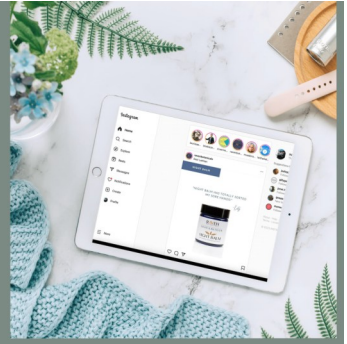
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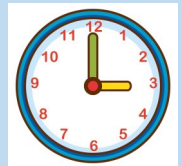
Mostly the Puzzle page hosts Brainteasers but I like to change things around from time to time. Last 2 months have been bus stop related and this month continues the theme.

Q1: What is the name of this bus stop?



Q2: What do Edinburgh Buses consider the fastest route from this Stop to 2 Waterloo Place?
(for a bonus point: why do I choose this destination address?)

Q3: How long should the fastest journey take?
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Last month's answers:

What are the Parks?

- A: Joppa Quarry
- B: Bingham
- C: Baronscourt Park

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